channels over first and second segments of a pilot channel, the power control information being different for each of the first and second forward channels

The Examiner was receptive to this amendment, since the primary reference (Tsunchara et al. '844) did not appear to teach these features, but indicated in the interview that such an amendment would have required further search or consideration. Thus, Applicants did not file the proposed claim and the Examiner issued a final Office Action.

Applicants now kindly request that the Examiner enter this Amendment, and withdraw the rejections of claims 1-4, rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by Tsunchara et al '844, and claims 5-8, rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tsunchara et al. in view of Ghosh.

CONCLUSION

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Marked-up Version Claims

Marked-Up Version of Claims

1. (Amended) A method for communicating power control information for at least two communication channels, comprising the steps of:

transmitting power control information for a first forward channel during a portion of a first segment of a pilot channel, the first segment being one of a plurality of repeating segments; and

transmitting power control information for a second forward channel during a corresponding portion of a second segment of the pilot channel, the second segment being one of the plurality of repeating segments,

the power control information for the first forward channel being different then the power control information for the second forward channel.